

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 3 and replace with the following:**

The present invention provides an apparatus and method for security object enhancement and management. The apparatus and method ~~makes~~ make use of security objects in which security object data is encapsulated with security object attributes and methods defining the way in which the security object may be used. Because the security object is an encapsulated object, the security object may operate on itself to perform security object management operations. Furthermore, because the security object need not be linked directly to the items requiring security object protection *a priori*, the security object may be defined in any manner deemed appropriate by the user.

**Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 6 and replace with the following:**

Similar functionality as that shown in ~~Figures 9-16~~ 9-15 may be provided with other sources of security object data including a current window and/or pointer position on a user's computing device; an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the user's computing device; a screen background image, intensity, color, or the like, of a user's computing device, a personal identification number entered by a user and a speed or number of times of a card swipe of a magnetic stripe card or smart card by the user, a user's mobile telephone ring tone or mobile telephone identification number, caller identification information for a user, current environmental conditions of a user's surroundings, and the like. Of course other embodiments are possible as well without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.